

DEFINITIONS

Adventist Community Services: National voluntary organization that specializes in managing donation operations.

Declaration: A state of emergency or disaster may be declared by the Governor or the President depending on the situation needs and damages.

Disaster: The occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause. (MCA 10-3-103)

Donations Coordination Officer: Individual appointed to manage donations management for the State of Montana.

Emergency: The imminent threat of a disaster causing immediate peril to life or property that timely action can avert or minimize. (MCA 10-3-103)

Individual Assistance Officer: The State IAO coordinates all programs that provide assistance to individuals, businesses and agricultural producers affected by the event.

Incident: An event or occurrence, caused by either an individual or by a natural phenomena, requiring action by Disaster and Emergency Services personnel to prevent or minimize loss of life or damage to property or natural resources. (MCA 10-3-103)

Lead Agency: The state agency responsible for coordinating the state's response with regard to implementing a functional capability, responding to a specific incident or implementing available recovery plans.

Local: City or county government.

Memorandum of Understanding: An agreement drawn up between parties outlining their respective responsibilities with regard to a given initiative.

Montana Code Annotated: A compilation of the Montana Constitution and Montana laws.

Montana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster: The volunteer organizations in Montana belong to the Montana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.

State Coordinating Officer: The designated individual responsible for coordinating the state's response to an incident, emergency or disaster.

State Emergency Coordination Center: Montana Disaster & Emergency Services operated facility to coordinate the efforts of state government, field the needs of local government and coordinate implementation of federal programs.

State Individual Assistance Fund: Non-budgeted interest bearing account set up to house cash donations received through the donations hotline.

Support Agency: State agencies identified as providing a support role to the lead agency for implementing a functional capability, responding to a specific incident or implementing available recovery plans.